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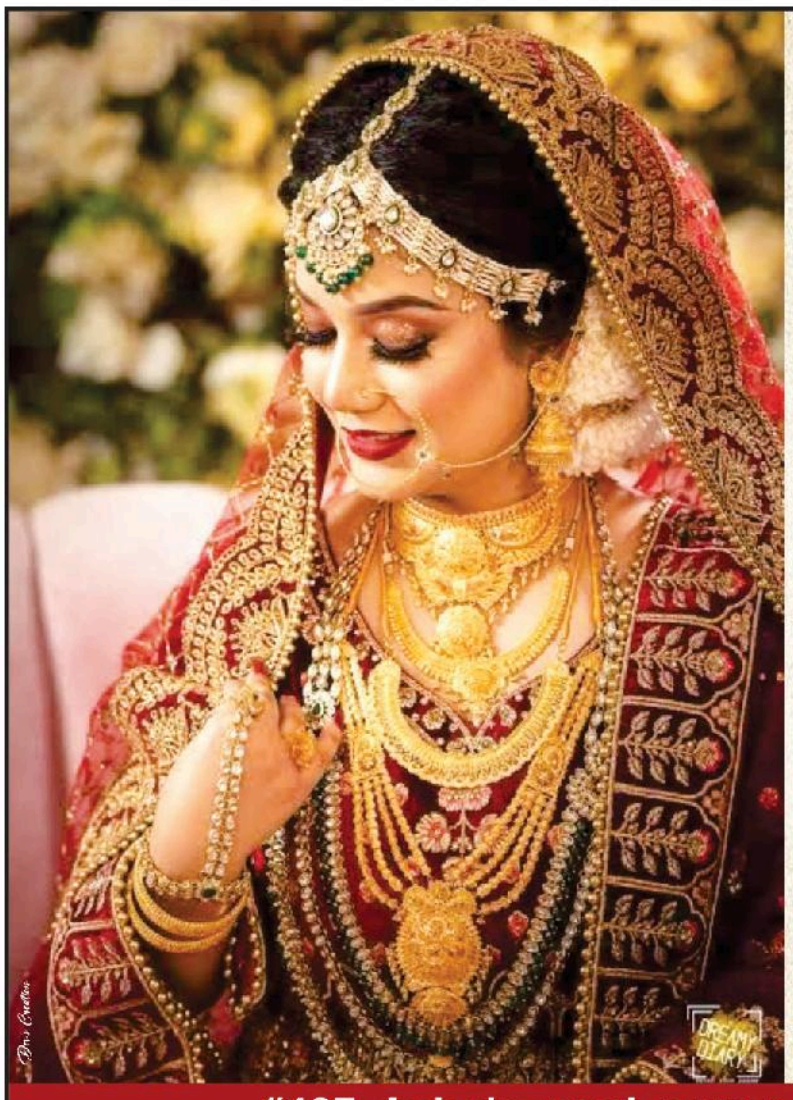

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 11th March 2025

Science is search of truth based on reality: Dr. Shishupala

Mysuru, Mar. 11 (BLU&TRR)- Dr. S. Shishupala, Professor of Microbiology, Davangere University, opined that science is nothing but the search of truth on the basis of reality.

He was speaking on the topic 'Role of Science in our Life : Participation of Youth' organised at Yuvaraja's College in city recently as part of National Science Day.

"Science is not a story based on the stories narrated by our grandparents. It is in fact a search for truth based on reality. Science is a museum which invokes curiosity. The basic trait needed for all achievers in the field of science is curiosity. Whenever scientists get curious about a particular subject, they follow the path of truth which has resulted in great contributions to mankind," said Dr. Shishupala.

Observing that commitment and perseverance are needed to become achievers in science, he said that Stephen Hawking is the best example of this as he braved physical disability and worked on the physics of black holes to achieve in the field of science.

"Research in the field of science and technology is not every one's cup of tea. Anyone who does research day and night with curiosity on subject which arouses his interest, can only achieve success," he said. Yuvaraja's College Principal Prof. S. Mahadevamurthy; Head of Examinations Nagesh Babu; Administrative Officer Ajaykumar; Prof. Venkatesh and Devika were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ENSURE DIGITISED PDS FOR ALL: ***Karnataka's push for digitisation in its Public Distribution System (PDS) through biometric identification has inadvertently excluded lakhs of people from the vulnerable sections, particularly senior citizens and manual labourers, from accessing their monthly rations, a lifeline for them. While the system aims to curb corruption and streamline ration distribution, its reliance on fingerprint scanning as the primary means for verifying eligibility has left many struggling to feed themselves and their families. For senior citizens, whose fingerprints are worn or distorted due to age or medical conditions, biometric authentication has become a significant barrier. Manual labourers, whose hands bear the marks of years of hard work in agriculture or construction, face similar challenges. In addition, even though the fingerprints of the elderly may be in good condition, there is a chance that they are immobile due to old age. The system does not consider their needs.***

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has consistently articulated his vision for a hunger-free Karnataka. To translate this vision into reality, the government must acknowledge and rectify the inherent flaws in the existing system, adopting more adaptable solutions. It must incorporate multi-modal biometrics, combining fingerprint identification with other modalities like facial recognition or iris scanning. Additionally, it should develop alternative forms of authentication that accommodate diverse needs, abilities and circumstances. For technology to truly serve the larger public good, it must be universally accessible, inclusive and equitable, ensuring that all citizens can use it regardless of age, occupation or physical ability. The State must recognise that while the digital age offers immense potential, it should not come at the cost of basic rights of the citizens. — *In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pokémon-shaped Hot Cheeto sells for $87,840

New York: A single Flamin' Hot Cheeto said to be shaped like a Charizard from the Pokémon anime and gaming franchise was auctioned for 87,840 dollars.

The Goldin auction house said the oddly-sculpted snack, dubbed "Cheetozard," opened bidding at $250 in February and was sold to an unnamed bidder for $72,000 plus a buyer's premium — a total $87,840.

The 3-inch-long Cheeto is affixed to a custom "Cheetozard" Pokémon card and encased in a transparent box.

Goldin said the Cheeto was discovered and preserved by sports memorabilia company 1st & Goal Collectibles sometime between 2018 and 2022. Images of the snack went viral on social media in 2024.

Teen with 'Werewolf syndrome' earns Guinness Record

New Delhi: An 18-year-old from India was awarded the Guinness World Record for the hairiest face on a person when officials determined he had 201.72 hairs per square centimetre of skin.

Lalit Patidar earned the male version of the record after living with a rare hair growth condition called hypertrichosis, which is also known as "werewolf syndrome." The condition is believed to only occur in one out of a billion people, with only about 50 documented cases since the Middle Ages. Patidar has hair on over 90% of his face, and has since he was a child.

He told Guinness World Records that other children at school "were scared of me but when they started knowing me and talking to me they understood I was not so different from them, and it was just on the outside that I looked different, but I'm not different inside."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Regular PAPSMEAR test (once in 3 years) is necessary for all women aged 21 to 65 years, who are sexually active. This test is for the detection of any precancerous condition in the mouth of the uterus(cervix) which is treatable.

By Dr. Amulya K.G. - Consultant- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

KAUSHALAM-2025 inter-collegiate National-level Management Fest

Mysuru, Mar.11- The Department of MBA at GSSSIETW Mysuru, is hosting KAUSHALAM -2025, an inter-collegiate National-level Management Fest tomorrow at 10 am at its M. Govinda Rao Memorial Hall (A Block).

This event comprises a judicious combination of challenges in the spheres of Human Resources, Finance and Marketing with incredible revealing potentials of the emerging future managers.

This Year 2025 takes an exciting theme inspired by the globally acclaimed "Squid Game" series blending high stakes drama with dynamic real world of management challenges.

The fest will test the participants' strategic thinking, leadership capabilities and team dynamics and decision making skills through intense and thought provoking modelled games to keep alive as well as enhance the managerial acumen.

Attractive cash prizes and trophies will be given to the winners.

Dr. M. Jagannatha Shenoy, President, GSSSIETW, will preside over the valedictory. Anupama B. Pandit, Secretary, GSSS, R.K. Bharath, Board Member & CEO, GSSS, Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Mysuru and Dr. M. Jagadeesha, Head, Department of MBA, will be present on the occasion.

For further details, contact Dr. S.N. Sheshadri, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, GSSSIETW, on Mob: 96322-28626.

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Mary: Yes.
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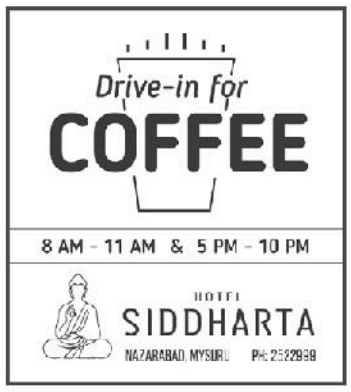

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Greater Mysuru City Corpn. proposal gains traction

Urban Development Minister chairs meeting in Bengaluru; asks officials to prepare detailed report

Mysuru, Mar. 11 (RK&BCT)- The proposal for the formation of a 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation' has come to the fore again with Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh directing Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif to prepare a detailed report along with necessary data.

At a meeting held yesterday at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru, the Minister discussed the expansion plan, which involves merging surrounding local bodies into the MCC. With Mysuru's rapid horizontal expansion, residential areas beyond the Outer Ring Road (ORR) have seen significant growth, necessitating better urban planning and governance.

As per the earlier proposal, around 30 villages surrounding Mysuru will be included in the 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation'. The Minister instructed officials to secure approval from local governing bodies — including Gram Panchayats, Town Panchayats and City Municipal Councils — before submitting a formal proposal to the Government.

Citing the Ward delimitation exercise conducted in 2018, the Government is now considering integrating nearby local bodies into the MCC for planned urban development. The Minister also asked officials to draft a comprehensive project report encompassing the 30 villages. "Let's meet Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and present the necessary details," he told the officials.

(See PROPOSAL on page 7)

Minister Byrathi Suresh chairing a meeting on Greater Mysuru City Corporation in Bengaluru yesterday. Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif are also seen.

'Process underway'

"Following the State Government's directive to draft a detailed proposal for the formation of Greater Mysuru City Corporation, the process is now underway. The Regional Commissioner, who serves as MCC Administrative Officer, will soon convene a meeting with the Chief Executive Officers of local governing bodies — including Gram Panchayats, Town Panchayats and City Municipal Councils — to collect documents and data necessary for their inclusion in MCC. Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) that have yet to approve the proposal to join the Greater Mysuru City Corporation must expedite the process. These procedures will be completed at the earliest and the final proposal will be submitted to the Government."

— Shaikh Tanveer Asif, MCC Commissioner

Gold smuggling racket

Actress Ranya Rao misused VIP airport protocols; fresh probe ordered

Ranya Rao

Ramachandra Rao

Her stepfather's controversial past resurfaces, including his alleged involvement in 2014 Mysuru hawala case

Bengaluru, Mar. 11 (KMS& BCT)- The State Government has launched an inquiry into the alleged misuse of VIP airport protocol privileges by actress Ranya Rao, who was recently arrested for smuggling 14.2 kg of gold worth Rs. 12 crore from Dubai. The case has ignited a political slugfest between the ruling Congress and the Opposition BJP, with both sides trading accusations of favouritism and cover-ups.

Ranya Rao, whose full name is Harshavardhini Ranya, was arrested by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) a week ago. Authorities allege that she exploited VIP airport privileges and protocols meant for senior officials to bypass security checks, facilitating her smuggling operations.

A high-level probe has been ordered to examine how protocol privileges were extended to her and whether her stepfather, Dr. K. Ramachandra Rao, an IPS Officer and current DGP, played any role. Rao is currently the Managing Director of the Karnataka State Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation.

The order dated Mar. 10 stated, "A report on how Ranya managed to bypass security checks at the airport, how she accessed and misused privileges meant for top officials and whether Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation MD Ramachandra Rao played any role, has been sought within a week."

The Government has appointed Senior IAS Officer Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, to lead the inquiry. Top Police Officers, Karnataka Secretaries and the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms have been directed to provide all documents and assistance for the investigation.

Business tycoon's son arrested

Meanwhile, DRI officials have arrested Tarun Konduru Raju, a close associate of Ranya, in connection with the case. Tarun belongs to the prominent business family that owns Bengaluru's Atria Hotel. He was produced before a Special Judge, who remanded him to DRI custody for five days.

(See PROBE on page 6)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled "Need to make our legal language simple and exact." — Ed

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

The Lady Rockstar of Mysuru

Ananya Bhat aims to introduce folk culture to Gen Next blending it with modern music

She is among one of the most sought-after playback singers in South India. Known for her versatility and ability to render songs in different genres, this Mysuru girl has beaten all odds to establish herself in the music industry. With about 150 songs in her kitty in just seven years of turning into a professional proves her popularity among the composers. The playback singer we are talking about is none other than Namma Mysuru girl Ananya Bhat.

Her journey into film industry was through 'Olave Jeevana Lekkachara' directed by Nagathihalli Chandrashekar when she was just nine-years-old. However, she rose to fame for the rendition of the song 'Nee Thoreda Ghaliyali' in the film 'Lucia.' Among her famous songs include 'Hold On' and 'Mental Ho Jawa' from 'Tagaru,' entire album of 'KGF' in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi, 'Sami Sami' (Kannada version) in 'Pushpa: The Rise,' 'Singara Siriye' in 'Kantara,' and 'Onnoda Nadandhaa' and 'Kaattumalli' in 'Viduthalai Part 1' and 'Dhinam Dhinamum' and 'Manasula' in 'Viduthalai Part 2' composed by music maestro Illayaraja. However, it was during Mahashivarathri celebrations at Isha Foundation in Coimbatore in 2020 she rose to instant fame for the rendition of Kannada folk song 'Sojugada Sooju Mallige' which went viral.

Ananya Bhat has also won the Filmfare award for the rendition of the song 'Namma Kaayo Devane' in the movie 'Rama Rama Re' during the 64th Filmfare South Awards in 2017 and SIIMA Award for the song 'Hold On' in 2019. *Star of Mysore* caught up with this talented singer during her recent visit to Mysuru. Excerpts:

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Star of Mysore (SOM): How do you see your journey from 'Lucia' in 2013 till date?

Ananya Bhat: My journey has been consistent. Every year I have one hit song, through which I start my concerts each time. I also started my band 'ABD' in 2018 in which I sing only folk songs and the songs that I have rendered for movies. The main intention is to bring back folk culture similar to one that I did with 'Sojugada Sooju Mallige,' which a fusion of guitars and duff (dafli). The journey has been consistent so far but now it is more of Tamil and Telugu songs which I am doing.

SOM: You have had great songs which connected the New Gen. Why sudden shift to Tamil and Telugu industry? Are you not getting songs in Kannada?

Ananya Bhat: I actually do not know why I am not getting songs in Kannada. I guess there was a shift in movie making in Kannada industry. If I can recall, 'Lucia' was a huge hit, but I did not get any recognition. Following this, I sang 'Hold On' and 'Mental Ho Jawa' for which I got an award for 'Hold On'. Earlier, I had also received an award for the movie 'Rama Rama Re' in 2017 which

not much people knew. I am grateful for the opportunity that I got 25 songs to sing in KGF combing all five languages. Unfortunately, I did not receive any recognition which any artiste expects. I always wonder why I am not being recognised despite my songs becoming a hit.

SOM: The song 'Sojugada Sooju Mallige' became a huge hit. How did that happen?

Ananya Bhat: It was truly a blessing to perform the song during Mahashivarathri celebrations in Isha Foundation. It all started with the cover song that I recorded for one of the private YouTube channels which featured the song 'Sojugaada' that became a huge hit at that time. Later, somehow Sadhguru came across the song and he sent me a letter through his volunteers inviting me to perform during the 'Cauvery Calling' campaign and again I received an invite to perform at Isha Foundation during Mahashivarathri celebrations in Coimbatore in 2020.

SOM: Having rendered about 150 songs in South Indian languages why aren't you featured in Bollywood?

Ananya Bhat: I have no idea. I guess it just did not happen. Actually, I have met Amit Trivedi, one of Bollywood's music directors, at the time when I recorded a Kannada song for him. The reason behind me not getting to sing Hindi songs is because I think I am not in Mumbai. Getting opportunities in Bollywood is not easy. If I have to, I need to start from the scratch like singing tracks. Why would I want to do that when I have already got enough recognition in the South? It is not that I don't want to work in Bollywood. I do not want to stop doing the work I am doing here and shift completely to Mumbai. Leaving the work and the recognition that I have received in Karnataka and in Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam industries would mean to lose out on many things which I do not want to do. I have not gone behind opportunities as I only believe in my talent which has brought me this far. I am dedicated when it comes to practice and focusing on my career here which has given me recognition.

SOM: Share your experience working with the Music Maestro Illayaraja?

Ananya Bhat: It was a beautiful experience. He is a university by himself and highly disciplined. Sometimes, I cannot reach the studio on time despite taking flights. But he is there on dot and waiting. He is so encouraging and jovial which actually makes us very comfortable and deliver our best.

SOM: What are your upcoming projects?

Ananya Bhat: Currently, I am working on a few independent songs for which I have composed the music. And also, I am looking for producers and sponsors as it is expensive to release the album and related videos. I have already completed five songs, not completely in folk genre. In Telugu, I have worked on the project 'Garividi Lakshmi', a Telugu biopic based on popular *Burra Katha* artiste Garividi Lakshmi. The movie has about 15-16 songs which I will be recording.

Wishing Namma Mysuru girl Ananya Bhat all the best.

VOICE OF THE READER

Languages are the gateways to the world

Sir,

Appreciate your thought when you said ***'Let not a language tear asunder a united Bharat'*** (*Abracadabra* by K.B. Ganapathy in *SOM* dated Mar. 4, 2025). But, in the larger context in today's India, we witness that language, religion, caste, creed, and cultures play a pivotal role especially for our power-hungry politicians who constantly play mind games to win an election.

Now the question of accepting Hindi as a national language is disputed by citizens. The truth is Hindi has not been declared a national language, but has been made a mandatory language under National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. **From August 1947, Hindi and English have been accepted as link languages for communication and it continues in the same position.**

Non-Hindi speaking States, especially in South India, have a fear that their languages will be ignored and the dominance of Hindi will undermine languages like Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, Telugu, Bengali, etc.

Languages are the gateways to the world. Hence, we should learn a language out of LOVE and not be trusted upon individuals by the authority. One will gain and thrive across the world by learning more languages.

Promote all Indian languages on par with Hindi and see the 'magic' happen in Bharat, the land of diversity with rich regional languages and multiple cultures.

— Norbert Gregory Brown
N.R. Mohalla
4.3.2025

NOTE: *All Indian languages cannot be taught in a school. Country must have a language policy which will determine the number of languages to be taught (three under NEP) and which are those languages. Each State may be allowed to decide. The link language may be English for now.* ***—Ed***

GRT Jewellers unveils its grand 62nd branch in Hassan

Hassan, Mar. 11- GRT Jewellers marks a new milestone in its 60-year journey with the launch of its 62nd showroom in Hassan.

Renowned for artistry, trust and innovation since 1964, the brand has brought exquisite jewellery to generations. With a strong presence across South India and Singapore, GRT Jewellers, an auspicious brand and a destination of all traditional and modern jewellery, brings its craftsmanship to Hassan, offering a diverse collection of gold, diamond, platinum, silver articles, silver jewellery and gemstone.

The new showroom, located on Bengaluru-Mangaluru Road, near the Hassan Club, is designed to provide a premium shopping experience with a wide array of timeless and regionally inspired designs. As part of its launch celebrations in Hassan, GRT Jewellers has announced a range of limited-time offers for customers. Shoppers can benefit from a Rs. 300 reduction per gram on gold jewellery purchases and a 20% discount on wastage (VA) charges.

Additionally, those exchanging old gold Jewellery will receive Rs. 75 extra per gram, while diamond buyers can avail themselves of Rs. 10,000 off per carat, 25% off on making charges for silver articles and anklets and 10% off on uncut diamond value.

The brand has also introduced a special Gift + Gift bonanza through its jewellery purchase plan, allowing customers to receive double rewards.

These offers will be available till Mar. 23 at the newly opened showroom.

"We see the launch as another chance to become part of a beautiful, growing community," said G.R. 'Anand' Ananthapadmanabhan, Managing Director of GRT Jewellers, adding "Hassan's rich heritage and connectivity make it a perfect location to introduce customers to our signature designs."

G.R. Radhakrishnan, Managing Director of GRT Jewellers, added, "For generations, we have been committed to creating jewellery that stands the test of time. This showroom is a reflection of that commitment, as we hope to bring out more of Karnataka's rich artistry and craftsmanship."

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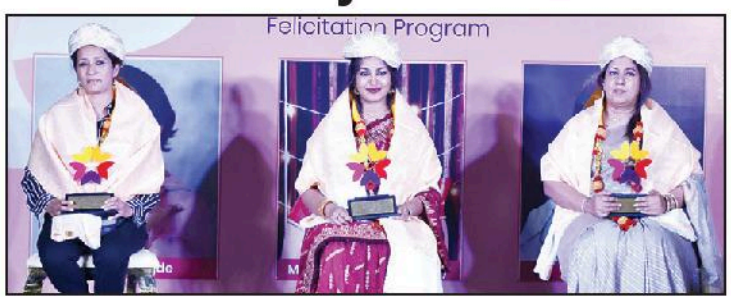

FROM LEFT: ***Dr. Usha Hegde, Swarnalatha Shastry and Dr. Rekha Arun were feted at Nexus Centre City Mall as part of Women's Day celebrations.***

Mysuru, Mar. 11- Nexus Centre City Mall hosted an exhilarating Women's Day celebrations, honouring the strength, talent and achievements of women from various walks of life.

Dr. Rekha Arun, an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in Mysuru, was honoured for her impressive record including over 15,000 deliveries, with 10,000 being normal deliveries. Her contribution to women's health and maternity care has made a lasting impact on the community.

Swarnalatha Shastry was recognised for her excellence in Bharatanatyam and Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga. A multi-talented personality, Swarnalatha holds an Ayurveda & Nutrition certification from Punjab University and a Diploma in Fashion Design and Technology from JSS Polytechnic for Women, Mysuru. Her remarkable achievements include participation in the Vastra Vinyasa Fashion Show wearing Gandabherunda's gold weaving. A recipient of 'Yuvachetana' Award from Kannada & Culture Department and 'Natya Ratna' Award from Karnataka Forum for Human Rights & Anti-Corruption, she played the lead role in Kannada movie 'Auto.'

Dr. Usha Hegde, a distinguished Professor in the Department of Oral Pathology and Microbiology at JSS Dental College and Hospital, who successfully climbed Mount Everest, was also feted. The 52-year-old Dr. Usha Hegde is one among 6,664 mountaineers [544 of whom are Indians] to have climbed Mount Everest so far.

The highlight of the celebration was a special showcase of Kalaripayattu, the ancient Indian martial art form that originated in Kerala. This powerful demonstration reflected the resilience and empowerment of women in all spheres of life.

The event featured a Sip & Paint workshop by Pooja Prakash, inviting participants to express themselves through creativity while enjoying a relaxed atmosphere. Attendees indulged in a Free Makeover by Nykaa and a Skin Analysis session by Health & Glow, ensuring that the day was both celebratory and rejuvenating for all women.

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7 -10 AM Rudrabhisheka & Ashtothra at Renuka Temple
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Topic : History of Panchacharya
All are welcome
Followed by Maharaprasada at Kalamandira.
At 6 PM Renukacharya Procession from Renukacharya Street

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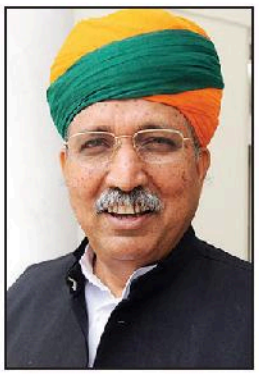

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Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy (Vidhi) is a distinguished think tank dedicated to driving impactful legal reforms, ensuring transparency and fostering societal progress, according to my Google Guru.

It is an independent think tank doing legal research to make better laws and improve governance for the public good. Yes, for "public good." This reminds me of Bernard Shaw who made Napoleon say in the play "*The Man of Destiny*":

"The Englishman. He does everything on principle. He fights you on patriotic principles; he robs you on business principles; he enslaves you on manly principles; he supports his King on loyal principles and cuts off his head on republican principles. His watch word is always duty."

In India today we find NGOs in thousands, filling their bottomless pockets with foreign funding mouthing the watch word "public good." Perish the idea. However, we need not despair and lose hope on NGOs. Some of them are really working for "public good." NGOs indeed have an important role to play in our society. Like Vidhi, which is focussed primarily on the Constitutional law and legal matters.

For example, today, if we have the Right To Information (RTI) Act thanks to the efforts of an NGO headed by Aruna Roy, an IAS Officer. We have Vidhi apparently doing some good work dedicated to bring in legal reformation in our country.

It is an irony that despite our Constituent Assembly, that framed our Constitution, having maximum number of illustrious lawyers, not much thought was given to change the colonial laws that was intended to keep the "natives" under subjugation and enable the colonial masters to exploit Indians.

Part III of our Constitution deals with this subject. Thus, many moth-eaten laws in force in the territory of India, immediately before independence and the commencement of the Constitution, remained and only those inconsistent with the provision of Part III (Fundamental Rights) became void. **Furthermore, even the language of these laws and the languages used by Advocates in drafting legal documents that are archaic and opaque remained.**

It is impossible even for Lord Brahma to decipher and understand the purport and meaning of these legal documents and the laws written by our English-speaking masters. It had the flavour of Geoffrey Chaucer, father of English literature and the complexity of the highbrow Victorian language used by Thomas MaCaulay who wrote uniform Indian Penal Code (IPC), Code of Civil Procedure and the Evidence Act.

British judges of those days would have understood it well enough to interpret the letter and spirit of the law, but I am afraid whether our judges, who came after independence had the same advantage and felicity to understand. Yet we had carried on with the "white man's burden" of delivering justice to our gullible people even to this day, after 77 years of independence.

Let me get personal with apologies to my readers. Once, many years ago, I decided to contest for the Presidentship of Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club (Mysore Sports Club). Under the Bylaw of the Club (written not in MaCaulay's English), a member who had already completed his two terms under the eligibility clause was not eligible to contest for a third term. But one ineligible member filed his nomination. I objected. However, in the General Body, with the President favouring the ineligible candidate, surprisingly, some senior members including an English Professor, twisted the language of the Bylaw and allowed that slimy Club-politician to contest. It was too late for me to withdraw from the contest and I lost.

My friends urged me to fight it out in the Court of law. So, I went to the City Court presided over by a lady Judge and had to argue my case myself, because of Advocates' strike on that day. I won. I got a stay.

The loser went in appeal and lost. **He went to High Court. An order was passed in his favour upon an undertaking given.** By then 10 months had passed with my adversary unable to assume office. He was thus allowed to assume office which he did late in the night!! The 'undertaking' was later 'denied' as not given and the Court agreed. The Court accepted the affidavit to that effect without giving me notice. There is more but let me rest here.

All that I want to say is, how a legal language even in a Bylaw could be misread by the highly educated.

Be that as it may, I was happy that our judges could understand easily the English language of the Bylaw which some educated members of the Club could not.

To revert to the language of the legal world, the Vidhi is indeed doing what is urgently needed. Best of luck to its members, specially its Founder Arghya Sengupta.

Surprisingly, one of the easily understandable books in english is said to be the Bible, except for its archaic use of verbs and conjunctions. For example, see this text from the Old Testament:

"I came and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill, but time and chance happeneth to them all."

I am sure this message can be understood even by an illiterate lay person. Now see how a colonial or modern-day lawyer would write the same text in English:

"Objective consideration of contemporary phenomenon compels the conclusion that success or failure in competitive activities exhibits no tendency to be commensurate with innate capacity, but that a considerable element of the unpredictable must."

Will Shashi Tharoor help with his mastery over the English language or will he be another MaCaulay?

TAILPIECE: *Having spoken about the problem found in our legal language, particularly in English, our Law Ministers — Arjun Meghwal at the Centre and the Law Ministers at the respective States — have a huge responsibility to correct the inadequacies and abstractions found in the language. NGOs like Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy will be of much help in speeding up the process.*

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Gold smuggling: Fresh probe ordered

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DRI informed the Court that data extracted from Ranya's seized mobile phone and laptop revealed links between her and Tarun in an international gold smuggling racket. Investigators suspect that the duo, despite a falling-out after Ranya's marriage to architect Jatin Hukkeri, continued their illicit operations.

Judicial Custody till Mar. 24

During a Court hearing yesterday, Ranya accused DRI officials of verbally abusing her whenever she stopped answering questions.

However, the Investigating Officer (IO) refuted the claims, stating that she was not subjected to harassment but was simply refusing to co-operate during interrogation.

"She refuses to answer any questions. Every time we ask, she remains silent. We have recorded the entire investigation," the officer told the Court. The Judge subsequently sent Ranya to judicial custody until Mar. 24.

2014 Mysuru hawala case

The case has also brought renewed attention to the controversial past of DGP Ramachandra Rao. Ranya is one of two daughters from his second wife's previous marriage and his name has surfaced in multiple scandals over the years.

In 2014, while serving as the Inspector General of Police (IGP) of the Southern Range, Mysuru, he became embroiled in a major hawala scandal. Police intercepted a bus carrying hawala money and seized Rs. 20 lakh.

However, a Kerala-based businessman later accused the Police of pocketing additional money. The businessman filed a case alleging that Rs. 2.07 crore had been looted from the bus heading to Kerala in Yelwal area.

The CID took over the case, and investigations led to the arrest of Police informants and even Ramachandra Rao's personal gunman. As a result, he was removed from his post as IGP of the Southern Range and reassigned to headquarters.

Two years later, Ramachandra Rao found himself in hot water again. The CID questioned him and one more senior IPS Officer regarding the deaths of gangsters Dharmaraj and Gangadhar Chadachana in connection with an alleged fake encounter. Ramachandra Rao maintained that he did not know about the case when questioned by the CID.

66th Tibetan National Uprising Day

Protest staged against atrocities by China

Mysuru, Mar. 11 (MTY&KS)- Marking the 66th Tibetan National Uprising Day, members of various Tibetan organisations took out a protest march in city yesterday condemning the unprecedented suffering, violation of basic human rights and economic discrimination and marginalisation, by the Chinese Government.

The members of Tibetan organisations such as Bylakuppe, Hunsur and Kollegal Middle Way Tibetan Youth Congress, Regional Tibetan Women's Association (RTWA) and Mysuru Tibetan Students Association, who assembled in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the north gate of Mysore Palace took out the protest march which passed through Silver Jubilee Clock Tower, Gandhi Square, Dufferin Clock Tower, D. Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road, Vinoba Road to reach the Oval Grounds near the old DC Office.

Tibetans became political refugees in 1959 when the Chinese planned to kidnap the Dalai Lama for which Tibetans from all walks of life came together to provide human shield to Norbulingkha where Dalai Lama lived by risking their lives to protect him and were successful. The Dalai Lama and about 80,000 Tibetans crossed the mighty Himalayas to seek political asylum in India, Nepal and Bhutan and Mar. 10 not only signifies a day of mourning and commemorating those brave hearts who have died for Tibet, but also a day to celebrate the indomitable spirit of Tibetans in prevailing against all odds from one of the most brutal modern day governments.

Leaders of various Tibetan organisations Tsering Lhakyap, Chung Tsering, Nyma Sicho, Tsering Chodan and others led the protest.

Bid to reopen place of worship: Prathap Simha dares Govt.

Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha speaking to media persons outside Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road in city this morning.

Mysuru, Mar.11 (BLU&BS)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has dared the State Government to reopen a disputed place of worship on Kyathamaranahalli Main Road in city, that was shut down in the year 2016, following the murder of RSS leader Raju at Udayagiri.

Prathap Simha, who spoke to media persons this morning at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur road, was referring to a recent meeting notice dated Mar. 7, issued by the Deputy Commissioner's Office to either continue the status quo or reopen Aleema Sadiya Education Institution and Masjid-E-Siddique-E-Akbar Trust, Gayathripuram Second Stage, Kyathamaranahalli Main Road in city, for the purpose of maintenance. **The meeting scheduled for Mar. 10, now stands postponed to Mar. 14, calling for a discussion on the pros and cons over the subject of the meeting.**

Prathap Simha, who sounded belligerent against the State Government, alleged that, following the ascension of Siddaramaiah to CM's Office, Taliban like rule is in place.

"Let the mosque be reopened, shall tell what will happen next," said Simha, daring the CM to make a move.

Simha alleged that, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is running a 'Goonda State' by issuing a stern warning that he will tighten the 'nut and bolt' of Kannada film actors.

He also demanded the State Government to disclose taxpayer's details on the basis of their religion and allocate funds after seeking a report.

The funds allocated for various development boards and corporations related to Brahmins, Lingayats, Madivala and other communities, should also be disclosed, as the recent State Budget has doled out more favours to a community, said Simha.

Greater Mysuru City Corporation proposal gains traction

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Population and infrastructure expansion

Currently, the MCC comprises 65 Wards with a population of 13.3 lakh. The proposed expansion will increase the population to 16.8 lakh by incorporating outer areas.

Many private and revenue layouts surrounding Mysuru are already receiving basic amenities such as drinking water, sanitation and underground drainage from the MCC. However, residents are demanding a more comprehensive approach, including road infrastructure, street lighting and parks, the DC informed the Minister.

Expanding the MCC to include these areas will enable better service delivery and urban planning. The proposal includes merging Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC), Town Panchayats of Bogadi, Srirampura, Rammanahalli and Kadakola, as well as Yelwal village under Yelwal Gram Panchayat, Siddalingapura under Siddalingapura GP, Chamundi Betta GP, Alanahalli GP and Shyadanahalli GP.

Officials informed the meeting that several local bodies have already approved the proposal in their Council meetings. The Minister directed the remaining local bodies to expedite the approval process and submit their resolutions to the Government.

Minister Byrathi Suresh assured that there would be no hurdles in forming the 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation.' He also dismissed concerns regarding drinking water and infrastructure, stating that the MCC is already supplying water to several areas on its periphery. With new localities emerging close to MCC limits, the MCC can extend its services seamlessly.

The meeting was attended by Urban Development Secretary Deepa Cholan, Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation (KUIDFC) Managing Director B. Sharath, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWS&DB) Managing Director R. Selva Mani, Urban Development Authorities and Town and Country Planning Commissioner R. Venkatachalapathi, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan and Director of Town and Country Planning Department N.K. Tippeswamy, among other officials.

GTD's push gains momentum

The proposal for the formation of a 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation' has gained renewed attention, largely due to the persistent efforts of Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD).

For years, Mysuru city and its outskirts have struggled with inadequate basic amenities. Aware of the residents' plight, GTD has been a vocal advocate for the expansion, stressing the need to integrate surrounding villages and developed areas into a unified administrative framework.

Leveraging every opportunity, he has consistently urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to take action. Now, with his sustained push, the long-pending proposal for 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation' has resurfaced, and it appears that GTD's perseverance is on the verge of yielding results.

Assembly passes Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill

Bill to jeopardise Bengaluru's cultural and linguistic identity, diminish Kannada's prominence: BJP

Bengaluru, Mar. 11 (Agencies) The Karnataka Legislative Assembly passed the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024, yesterday despite strong opposition from BJP and JD(S) legislators, who staged a walkout, claiming that splitting BBMP into seven smaller civic corporations would lead to the destruction of Bengaluru's identity as India's IT capital.

Participating in the debate, BJP legislators clarified that while they support efforts to strengthen the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), they strongly oppose its division.

They argued that breaking up the civic body would dilute Bengaluru's essence as a single city and instead proposed appointing zonal commissioners for better governance.

Leader of Opposition R. Ashoka called the Bill unconstitutional, asserting that it violates the 74th Amendment, which grants power to local elected bodies. He warned that concentrating authority in the hands of the Chief Minister, who would head the proposed Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), would weaken democracy.

Ashoka cautioned that the Bill could jeopardise Bengaluru's cultural and linguistic identity. He warned that the Bill could diminish Kannada's prominence in the city. "In 2006, we expanded BBMP to prevent Bengaluru from turning into a Union Territory and to protect Kannada identity. This move threatens that balance," he said. "Under this new system, what will happen to Kannada in Bengaluru East? We may not even have Kannada-speaking Mayors anymore."

Defending the move, D.K. Shivakumar asserted that the Bill is aimed at decentralising power rather than dividing the city. "We are not breaking Bengaluru apart; we are making it stronger," he said.

He stressed that Bengaluru has expanded far beyond the boundaries laid by Nadaprabhu Kempegowda.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. M. Akbar Ali Chutuku Poets Meet

In commemoration of the birth centenary of Chutuku Ratna Dr. M. Akbar Ali, the Women's Unit of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, in association with Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat, will be organising a State-level Chutuku (Lymericks) Poets Meet at Parishat premises in Vijayanagar First Stage at 10.30 am on Mar. 16. MLA Tanveer Sait will inaugurate the event in the presence of Dr. MGR Urs, veteran littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) and Journalist Rajeev. For details, call Mob: 98863-44524.

Hostel admission

The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible SC community students for admission to Post-Matric Hostels run by the Department. The eligible students can apply through the website: ***https://swdhmis.karnataka.gov.in*** before Mar. 15. For details, visit the Department Office at Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan located on Adipampa Road, Paduvarahalli. [Ph: 0821-2520910]

Matrimonial Meet

Lovely Matrimonial Service has organised a matrimonial meet of prospective Vokkaliga brides and bridegrooms, at Lekhana Party Hall located on Gaganachumbi Double Road in Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, at 10 am on Mar. 16. [Ph: 0821-4264402 or Mob: 95911-63666]

Calling children of sanitation workers

The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from economically backward SC/ST boys (children of sanitation workers), for admission to 8th standard at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Yadavagiri, Mysuru. Students will be selected through an entrance exam. Eligible students should submit their applications, along with caste certificate, income certificate, 7th std marks card, photo, Aadhaar card/ address proof, at the District Office of Social Welfare Department or respective Taluk's Assistant Director of the Department.

Obituary

Sr. Alphonsa Fernandes

Mysuru, Mar. 11- Sr. Alphonsa Fernandes (89), passed away at St. Joseph's Convent in Hunsur on Sunday.

Funeral Mass was held at Maria Niketan Convent in Bogadi, Mysuru, this afternoon.

Quashing case against former MUDA Commissioner

High Court admits ED's appeal; next hearing on April 8

Dr. D.B. Natesh

Bengaluru, Mar. 11 (Agencies)- The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed an appeal before the High Court of Karnataka against a Single Judge Bench order that declared its search and seizure operation at the residence of Dr. D.B. Natesh, former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner, as illegal, unwarranted and an abuse of law.

The ED has also contested the Judge's decision to grant Natesh the liberty to take action against

ED officials under Section 62 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). With ED now seeking interim relief and the case set for further hearing, the legal battle over the MUDA scam investigation has intensified.

A Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria and Justice M.I. Arun, admitted ED's appeal and recorded an undertaking from senior counsel Dushyant Dave, representing Natesh, that they will not act upon the liberty granted by the Single Judge Bench until the appeal is resolved.

Meanwhile, Additional Solicitor Generals S.V. Raju and K. Aravind Kamath urged the Court to stay the Single Judge's order, arguing that it has effectively halted all ED investigations related to the MUDA site allotment scam. Dave, however, opposed the stay, pointing out that the appeal itself does not request interim relief.

The Court granted ED time to file an application for interim relief and adjourned the hearing to April 8. Kamath informed the Court that the application would be filed on Mar. 11 (today).

ED had registered an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) on October 1, 2024, based on an FIR filed by the Lokayukta. The case pertains to the illegal allotment of 14 sites, including commercial sites, by MUDA to B.M. Parvathi, the wife of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, during Natesh's tenure as MUDA Commissioner.

On the directions of ED's Joint Director, the Assistant Director conducted a raid at Natesh's residence under Section 17 of PMLA, during which his mobile phone was seized and its data transferred to a hard disk.

The Single Judge's order, now challenged by the ED, stated that mere possession of an illegally allotted site does not constitute an offence under PMLA unless it satisfies the essential elements of 'proceeds of crime' under Section 3 of the Act.

Amid much debate...

Micro Fin Ordinance passes Assembly test

H.K. Patil

Bengaluru, Mar. 11 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Micro Loan and Small Loan (Prevention of Coercive Actions) Ordinance, 2025 that awards 10-year rigorous jail imprisonment, imposition of Rs. 5 lakh fine, action against black money and immunity against the harassment of money lenders, was passed in the Legislative Assembly yesterday.

Law Minister H.K. Patil tabled the Ordinance on behalf of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Assembly, that saw intense debate by the Ruling and Opposition parties MLAs, before it was eventually passed, albeit with the advise of the Opposition parties.

Minister Patil, who proposed the Ordinance on behalf of the CM, told the Assembly that the Ordinance has been introduced to prevent harassment by the private financial institutions and micro finance firms, and protect those who have availed loan.

The poor and the underprivileged, especially in the rural areas and the urban labourers and socially weaker sections have been bearing the brunt of such financial firms. The fiancé firms are forcing the borrowers to pay exorbitant rate of interest for the loan, pushing borrowers to the streets. Some of them are resorting to end their lives, unable to bear the harassment of the finance firms. The aim is to rein in such unregulated financial activities and to add more teeth to the Police to invoke legal action to protect the borrowers, explained Minister Patil.

Sharing relevant points, Opposition Leader in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok said, the law that existed was suffice to rein in such finance racket. However, due to the failure of the Government to take stringent action, the hapless and poor borrowers had to lose their lives. It is estimated that, about 30 people have already lost their lives to the harassment of finance firms.

"The Government is set to introduce the law and we don't have any qualms, but the current dispensation should ensure that, it won't fail in the Court of justice. The Government should also take into cognisance, those legally eligible for loan," said Opposition Leader Ashok.

Man attacks labourer for refusing to buy liquor

Mysuru, Mar. 11 (SBD&KS)- An unidentified man brutally attacked and assaulted a labourer for refusing to buy him liquor.

The incident took place at Devaraja Mohalla at about 11 pm on Mar. 7 and the injured labourer has been identified as Madhu, a resident of KRS.

Madhu, who was going for construction work at Kailaspuram, was staying at a lodge in Devaraja Mohalla. On Mar. 7 at about 11 pm, when Madhu was sitting on the footpath near the lodge, an unidentified man approached him and told Madhu that he had liquor and asked Madhu to join him.

The unidentified man then poured a little quantity of liquor to Madhu and consumed the rest. As the liquor got over, the unidentified man asked Madhu to buy liquor. When Madhu said that he did not have money for liquor, the unidentified man who got angry, pushed Madhu on the ground and hit his right leg with a big stone.

Madhu screamed with pain attracting passersby and the unidentified man fled from the spot. The public then admitted Madhu to K.R. Hospital and he was later shifted to the Trauma Care Centre on KRS Road.

Devaraja Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Former Minister B. Subbaiah Shetty passes away

B. Subbaiah Shetty

Mangaluru, Mar. 11- Former Minister B. Subbaiah Shetty (91), a native of Bakrabailu in Bantwal taluk, passed away at his residence in Bengaluru yesterday. He is survived by his daughters Dr. Uma Savanur and Dr. Reshma Savanur and grandchildren. His wife Shalini Shetty had predeceased him recently.

Subbaiah Shetty served as the MLA of Suratkal for two terms in 1972 and 1978. He was also a Minister in late Chief Minister Devaraj Urs Cabinet, holding portfolios of land reforms and education.

He joined the Intelligence Bureau and was posted in Kashmir and Ladakh and also was a member of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police force.

He came back to Mangaluru after the birth of his first daughter and established a law practice. He then took interest in social issues and joined the Congress party.

He was conferred many honours including the D. Devraj Urs Award, Shantaveri Gopala Gowda Award and most recently the Dr. Da.Ra. Bendre Award.

Shetty was one among the first landlords to have given up their own lands for implementing the revolutionary idea of giving ownership of agricultural lands to farmers who till then, remained as tenants.

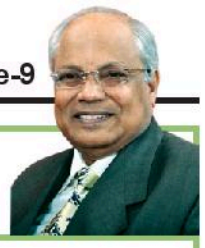
House burgled in Vijayanagar

Mysuru, Mar. 11 (SBD&KS)- Burglars, who broke into a house by breaking open the terrace door, have decamped with gold and silver articles worth lakhs of rupees. The burglary took place at the house of Shashikanth at Railway Layout in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in city.

On Feb. 23, Shashikanth and his wife left for Kolkata and when they returned on Mar. 6, they found the doors of the cupboard in the room on the first floor open and on inspecting the cupboard drawer, they found gold ornaments and silver articles kept in it stolen.

Based on the complaint from Shashikanth, Vijayanagar Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

CRICKET TALK



By V.N. Prasad

'Men in Blue' pip the 'Black Caps' to lift ICC Champions Trophy

Heartiest congratulations to our boys on lifting the coveted ICC Champions Trophy 2025 in the desert and going 'undefeated.' A tournament full of delightful encounters, shocks and surprises; all that generally go into a World Stage like this. I waste no time in acknowledging the wonderful/ competent exhibition provided by the Kiwis, a country of merely 5.30 Million, highly professional and dignified in defeat, this time and every time. Gentlemen. They have earned the reputation on and off the field. God bless them going forward.

The Championship consisted of 14 delightful centuries and 27 Half Centuries — plus many other useful knocks. It was all a treat to watch. Rain Gods could have been a little merciful. Change of venues between Pakistan and Dubai gave rise to a few avoidable controversies. Anyway, we now focus on the finals.

The 'Square' at the Dubai International Cricket Ground looked like a sheet of 'White Sand,' with very little grass, full of Alligator Cracks, Uneven Bounce, Hard to predict and difficult for the batsmen to stroke. Classic example was the dismissal of Kane Williamson. He could have sipped a hot cup of tea before the ball came on to the bat. Reportedly, 260 was the highest run chase here in the last 15 years or so. No wonder. Not that there were no good knocks at all. Much unlike the earlier times, we enjoy high 'Strike Rates' and dramatic chases. Imagine a Daryl Mitchell scoring 63 off 101 or a Glenn Phillips 34 off 52 or 76 off 83 by Rohit Sharma. All of these speak of the deck. Trust me. Psychological adjustments in playing one match at Lahore (per say) and the next at Dubai is taxing. That said, should ICC go deep into conversations with future sponsors, evaluate geo political situations and ensure fair conditions to the players and for all of us and decide.

Hindustan's 3rd Trophy

In full knowledge of all of the above, Rohit went Hammer & Tongs from the word go. Admittedly, we were able to win largely on account of an excellent opening partnership of 105; where Rohit dominated with fearless knock. Deservedly so, he was the 'Man of the Match.'

That shifts my focus to the 'Player of the Tournament,' Rachin Ravindra. A pleasant youngster. Loves stroking the ball with fluent drives, flicks and pulls. Can unsettle the bowlers quickly. His 112 off 105 against Bangladesh and 108 off 101 against South Africa were delightful to watch. In the finals, Rachin looked all set for another big knock before he was castled by Kuldeep. I wondered if it was Kuldeep's beauty that did him in or was Rachin grossly wrong in going back to a FULL-LENGTH delivery. Probably the latter. Anyway, Rachin deserved the honours.

Well, it is worth discussing a few matches and players along the Championship. Reminiscing the event in detail, Australia came in with a highly depleted team. Imagine their bowling without Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Nathan Lyon (he should have come). They mauled the English at Lahore, overhauling a massive 351, with 15 balls to spare. 120 off 86 by Josh Inglis @ 140 strike rate, with 6 Sixes, was a treat to watch. He virtually camouflaged the brilliant 165 off 143 by Ben Duckett @ 116. Just observe the strike rates and totals in comparison to the desert deck.

I felt extremely sorry for the English. They had a good side. Buckled to pressures too many times. Worst was when Afghanistan beat them hollow. It was the fierce and delightful knock of Ibrahim Zadran — 177 off 146, Six 6s @ 121 strike rate — that laid a solid foundation of 325. A cautious but a beautifully crafted 120 by Joe Root went in vain, as the Afghans won by 8 runs to leave the Englishmen yellow-faced. In utter humiliation, I could see tears in Root's eyes. Can you imagine a strong English side returning home with ZERO points. Unbelievable.

Coming to the Indian Squad, the opening partnership was here and there. Middle order looks solid with Shreyas Iyer, Axar Patel and Hardik Pandya. Whereas Shreyas looks capable of mixing caution and aggression, Axar and Hardik are effective but a little impetuous. Finishing is an art. Rush of the blood takes better of the individual at times. Example, Axar and Hardik in the finals. Redeeming aspect is that K.L. Rahul (my favourite) has come out of the woods and has been finishing matches in style. He seems well settled at No. 6. Good for him and the team. Varun Chakravarthy and Kuldeep Yadav have struck impressively, well supported by Axar and Jaddu. With 3/4 good spinners, two good seamers are good (Am reminded of our great foursome — Bedi, Prasanna, Chandra and Venkat).

Before I sign off, I would like to say a few words about the presentation ceremony — post the finals.

1. The team on the central stage consisted of only FOUR eminent personalities, directly connected to the Championship.

2. Not a single representation from the Government of the United Arab Emirates (just imagine in India. All Toms, Dicks and Harries would have crowded).

3. Sadly, there was NONE from the Pakistan Cricket Board. After all, they were the hosts, geopolitical compulsions resulting in the final played at Dubai notwithstanding.

Well, all over now, in so far as ICC ODI Championship is concerned. We all now await the IPL, commencing on 22.3.2025. We want to watch good games. God bless one and all.

Prize winners of Mysuru Open National-level Karate Championship

The karatekas of IKA 4K Combat Academy, Mysuru, have bagged various prizes in the Mysuru Open National-level Karate Championship, held at Teresian Indoor Sports Centre in city recently. Seen in the picture are *(sitting from left)* ***Noor Mohammed - 2nd place in kata, Rajith Raj Urs - 3rd in kata, B.N. Poorvi - 2nd in kata, Hrutvik - 1st in kata, R. Daanvi - 1st place in kata, M.R. Samrat - 2nd in kata and 3rd in kumite, Rohith - 2nd in kata and 1st in kumite, Samreen - 3rd in kata and Ritik Singh - 1st in kata and kumite;*** *(kneeling from left)* ***Uneysa Hamid Al Syed - 2nd place in kata, Mohit Monnappa - 2nd place in kata, Renshi Abdul Waseem - Head Coach at IKA 4K Combat, Rohan Thimmaiah - 2nd place in kata and S. Rahul - 1st place in kata and kumite;*** *(standing from left)* ***Lamiah Huda Khan - 2nd in kata and 3rd in kumite, Fathima Tuz Zahara - 3rd in kata and 2nd in kumite; Sempai - K. Mohith Krishna, R. Dhiraj Rao, C. Jayanth; S. Pooja - 2nd in kata and kumite and Umaima Hamid Al Syed - 2nd in kata;*** *(in absentia)* ***S. Sanvi - 1st in kata, Leon Sherwin - 1st in kata and Aniah Huda Khan - 3rd in kata and 2nd in kumite.***

WORD OF THE DAY

Reveille

Pronunciation: /ˈrɛvəli//ˈrɛvəli/ (noun).
Meaning: A signal to get up in the morning; in the military it is a bugle call at sunrise.
Origin: "Reveille" (US: /ˈrɛvəli/ REV-əl-ee, UK: /rɪˈvæli/ rih-VAL-ee), called in French "Le Réveil" is a bugle call, trumpet call, drum, fife-and-drum or pipes call most often associated with the military; it is chiefly used to wake military personnel at sunrise. The name comes from réveille (or réveil), the French word for "wake up".
If you've ever heard an early morning bugle alongside a flag being raised, you know exactly what reveille sounds like. It's meant to wake everyone up in a patriotic way. Appropriately, the noun reveille refers to a bugle call meant to accomplish exactly this.
Example: In the morning he awakened on a split second and lay waiting for reveille.— *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck.

THE ODD WORD

Ragmatical
Wild; ill-behaved.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Run out of steam

Meaning: The phrase 'Run out of steam' means that one has lost the energy or enthusiasm to keep doing what they were doing.
Origin: This phrase originated from the idea of an old-fashioned steam engine that steadily slows and then halts when the fire that controls the boiler is too low to produce steam.
Example: "The student campaign ran out of steam when it became clear there was no way they would win a seat in the council."

QUOTE BOX

There is a force more powerful than steam and electricity: the will.

—Fernán Caballero

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

R R
A A
P P

Answer: Up to par.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Roman bronze
4 Mineral spring
7 Italian food
9 Ex- President APJ Abdul ____
12 Lancashire town
13 Swan Lake name
14 Actress Hedy
15 Sleeping visions
17 Black bird
18 Curriculum ____ :resume
20 A former French coin not worth much
21 Delicate or tender
22 Similar
23 Capital of Gujarat
27 Swing music
28 Stare or ogle at
29 Turkish commander or chief officer
30 Change "hairs" for this great lyricist of Bollywood?
32 Regional Airline Assoc.
35 Low point
37 Probable
39 Majnu's counterpart
40 "One in a" movement that's everlasting!
41 Gold lace embroidery
42 Steady sound of humming
43 Walsh and O'Neill
44 Neither his nor hers?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	P	E	S	■	V	A	M	P	■	O	S	E
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B	E	E	C	H	■	■	A	O	N	■	■	■
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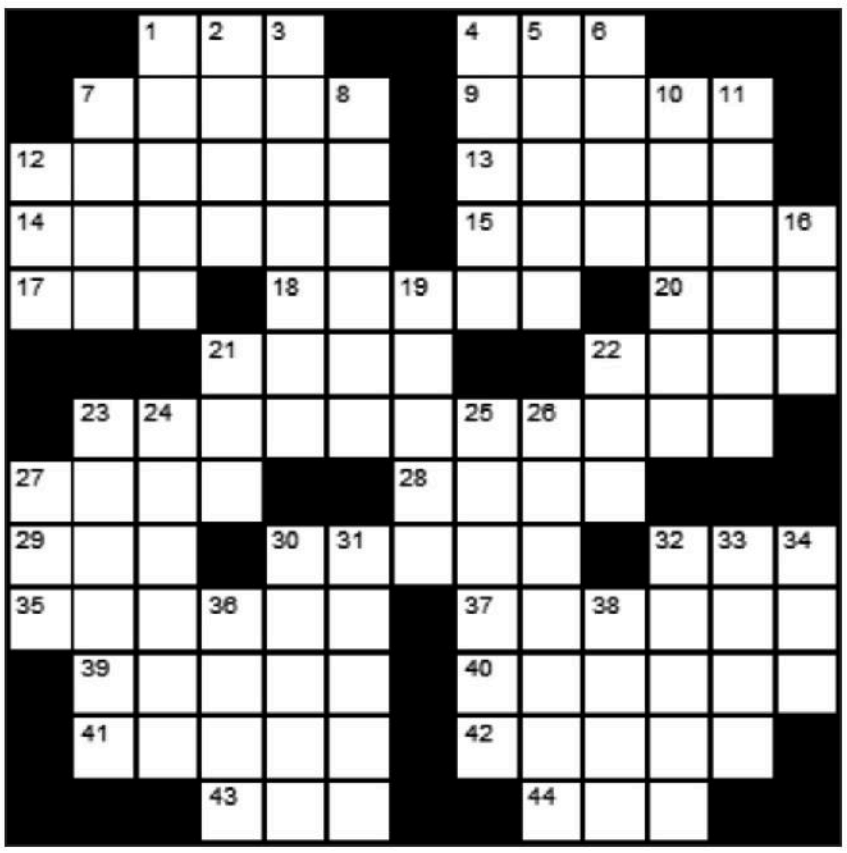
G	U	S	■	T	S	A	R	S	■	A	O	S
B	L	O	C	■	O	I	S	E	■	T	U	T
■	■	■	O	A	F	■	■	N	T	I	N	I
T	A	G	U	S	■	■	I	D	I	O	T	■
W	R	A	P	P	I	N	G	■	A	N	E	T
D	I	M	■	I	S	E	E	■	R	A	R	A
L	A	P	■	C	H	I	T	■	A	L	S	O

DOWN
1 One of the As of AAP
2 Bollywood's ___ Deol
3 Deprived of food
4 They manufacture the Fabia and the Laura
5 Military or naval chaplain
6 I cannot tell _ ___ : so said young Washington? (1,3)
7 Scheme or plot
8 Late Mr. Puri of Bollywood
10 Northern most state of the U.S.A.?
11 Autobiography
12 Uber competitor
16 Against the ____ : counterclockwise nautically speaking?
19 Part of the leg between hip and knee
21 Pilot's hdg.
22 A period of time
23 Professional male escort
24 James Cameron's technological marvel
25 ___ a lie : proved the falsehood?
26 Presumptively, self-evidently (1,6)
27 Punch or poke roughly
30 Neither liquid nor a gas?
31 Accumulate
32 Bridles or constrains
33 Wings or winglike parts
34 Author Rand
36 Grow weary
38 A hard, cross-grained part of a piece of wood



SUDOKU

		9		2	5	3		
	4		3	9	7		5	
	7	1				4		
	3	5				6	8	
		4				5	1	
	9		5	3	1		2	
		6	9	4		8		

Answer to previous puzzle

4	9	3	5	2	8	6	7	1
2	6	8	9	7	1	5	4	3
1	5	7	6	4	3	2	9	8
7	2	6	4	3	5	1	8	9
8	4	5	1	6	9	7	3	2
9	3	1	2	8	7	4	6	5
5	7	4	3	9	2	8	1	6
3	8	2	7	1	6	9	5	4
6	1	9	8	5	4	3	2	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JKUCU ENZ'J ZQ DEV JQ INZS QMJ DKV E

HZQCUC PEZ'J KUEC KNTHURI HZQCU.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Why is it when we talk to God we're praying — but when God talks to us, we're schizophrenic?

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	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Dragon (Ta)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.20 am
Kapati (K)	(S-1)	4.40 pm
Kanasondu Shuruvagide (K)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Te)	(S-2)	4 pm
Shaadi Mein Zaroor Anna (H)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Vadakkan (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Tarka (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Mithya (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Rakshasa (K)	(S-3)	10 pm
Apple Cut (K)	(S-4)	10.40 am
Kingston (Ta)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Interval (K)	(S-4)	4.05 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-4)	7 pm, 10.15 pm

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Kapati (K)	:	1.45 pm
Mithya (K)	:	4.05 pm
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	:	4.10 pm
Chhaava (H)	:	6.15 pm, 7.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Apple Cut (K)	:	6.50 pm
Raa... Raja (Te)	:	9 pm

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Kingston (Te)	:	4.10 pm
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The Monkey (E)	:	10.45 am, 1.35 pm, 7.20 pm
Interval (K)	:	11 am
Rakshasa (K)	:	11 am, 3.50 pm
Chhaava (Te)	:	1 pm, 6.40 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	1 pm, 7.05 pm
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	:	2.05 pm
Apple Cut (K)	:	4.20 pm
Kapati (K)	:	4.50 pm
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Wicked (E)	:	9.40 pm

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Chhaava (Te)	:	9.30 am, 3.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Kingston (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 2 pm, 7.05 pm
Mithya (K)	:	11.35 am
Forest (K)	:	12.50 pm
Rakshasa (K)	:	1 pm, 6.55 pm
Fashion (H)	:	3.45 pm
Crazxy (H)	:	4.55 pm
Tarka (K)	:	7.10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 pm
Kanasondu Shurvagide (K)	:	10.05 pm

Malabar Mysuru Showroom distributes Rs. 31.70 lakh scholarship to girl students

Mysuru, Mar. 11- Malabar Group, a leading Indian business conglomerate and the parent company of Malabar Gold & Diamonds Mysuru Showroom, distributed educational scholarships for girl students in Karnataka for academic year 2024-25.

Mysuru Showroom distributed scholarships worth Rs. 31.70 lakh to girl students. The event was inaugurated by T.S. Srivatsa, MLA, Krishnaraja Constituency, Mysuru. S. Jahnavi, DCP (Crime and Traffic), Mysuru, B. Rangegowda, Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, P. Sharafuddeen, South Zonal Head and Store Head, Mysuru Showroom and Muhammed Anshaj, Asst. Store Head, were also present at the event along with other management team members of Malabar Gold & Diamonds, customers, well-wishers and students.

A total of Rs. 4.74 crore has been allocated to assist education of over 5,501 girl students across 491 colleges in the district.

Speaking about the initiative, M.P. Ahammed, Chairman, of Malabar Group, said, "Education is the most powerful tool to change the world. Our scholarship programme is a direct reflection of Malabar Group's deep-rooted belief that education unlocks opportunities and transforms lives. We are committed to removing barriers for young girls so they can fulfil their educational aspirations and contribute meaningfully to society."

In 1999, the Malabar Charitable Trust (MCT) was created to structure and expand these efforts. The group allocates 5% of its profits to CSR initiatives, which span education, healthcare, environmental sustainability and poverty alleviation, focusing on empowering marginalised communities.

Malabar National Scholarship Programme, launched in 2007, is a flagship initiative under its CSR framework. To date, over Rs. 60 crore has been contributed to support the programme, providing financial aid to more than 95,000 girl students across India and over Rs. 16.82 crore to the support of more than 26,066 girl students in Karnataka.

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 12)

Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru, Central Prison, Mysuru: Kadali Mahila Vedike's Silver Jubilee celebrations, 'Vachana Chitta Kaaragrihadatta' Lecture and Vachana Gayana Programme, Central Prison Chief Superintendent P.S. Ramesh inaugurates, lecture by retired lecturer of Ramakrishna Vidyashala S.S. Ramesh, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar chief guest, Kadali Mahila Vedike President Sharada Shivalingaswamy presides, Vachana Gayana by Amma Ramachandra and Kadali Mahila Vedike team, Central Prison premises, **11 am.**

District Administration and Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru: Sri Renukacharya Jayanti celebrations, Dr. Sri Mummadi Chandrashekara Shivacharya Swamiji graces the occasion, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Karnatak University History and Archaeology retired Professor Dr. R.M. Shadaksharaiah main speaker, Kalamandira, **11.30 am.**

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Chhaava (Te)	:	11.05 am, 10 pm
Kingston (Ta)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Kingston (Te)	:	4.20 pm
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	:	2.25 pm
Mithya (K)	:	5.10 pm
Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Te)	:	7.05 pm

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Kingston (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 7.15 pm
Kingston (Te)	:	1.45 pm
Rakshasa (K)	:	11.05 am, 4.40 pm
Kanasondu Shurvagide (K)	:	1.20 pm
Apple Cut (K)	:	1.40 pm
Shaadi Mein Zaroor Aana (H)	:	3.45 pm
Interval (K)	:	4 pm
Kapati (K)	:	7 pm
Tarka (K)	:	9.30 pm
Fashion (H)	:	10 pm
Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Te)	:	10.10 pm

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